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--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processing device connected to a scanner unit for generating a first image signal has a first bidirectional interface for receiving a second image signal from an external computer and a second bidirectional interface for transmitting the first or second image signal to a printer unit. The second bidirectional interface receives a first status signal related to the printer unit and the first bidirectional interface transmits the first status signal and a second status signal related to the scanner unit to the external computer. Therefore, the external computer, which is able to process image data to be printed by the printer unit, can be advised of the status of the printer unit without being directly connected thereto. Therefore, in a first copy mode, the computer can process the image data, while in a second copy mode, the device itself can process the image data.--